

May 1 1945
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Mr Brady Johnson
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Dear Brady:

I have just returned from our league meeting in Phila. and I am sure by this time you have had a phone call or letter from some of the officials. It was called to the attention of the members that you have arranged to have so much baseball in Virginia that we are afraid it may prove harmful. While it is true our fans are working and making good money, they can hardly afford to go to ball games every day. In addition to this fact, you have games put on the same card, under the heading NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL when the teams have no connection with The Negro National League. This may not seem important to you, but to the men in the league who have scrambled so long, and made so many sacrifices to build it to the place where it is today, the league means a lot. Do not misunderstand me, I am not satisfied with the workings of the league, but it does deserve recognition as such. The members have established credit, and other things, and they have no intentions of letting others benefit from it.

The league passed a ruling that they will not play in Virginia after the 30th of May if other teams are booked in there. With the exception of local teams of course.

This means you must let me hear from you right away about the Sunday doubleheader in June. I wrote you some time ago, The Eagles and The Stars will come to Virginia for a doubleheader Sunday June 3rd. I have always thought a Sunday doubleheader would make a hit. I see Portsmouth is available for that date. We would plan to stay for Monday and Tuesday ~~and Wednesday~~. If we can arrange these games, I will not want any other team in those cities on these days. Do you want to arrange this series? If so please let me hear from you right away.

I do hope you will be able to see things our way. Will you be up this way any time soon. If so I wish you would arrange to stop in Newark. I would like to discuss a lot of things with you.

The Eagles are supposed to play in Richmond May 10th with The Cubans, and 17th with The Elites. I would like to have those two games and none other put on one card. Is this what you have planned? Please let me know right away.

Will be looking to hear from you.

Very Truly Yours